Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (a) The Munsiff's Courts have re-opened on 6th Edavam 1117. The High Court and the Anjikaimal District Court will re-open on 24th Edavam 1117.

(b) and (c) No.

POST OF THE JOINT SECRETARY—KEEPING VACANT OF

364. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether the post of the Joint Secretary to Government is going to be kept vacant for any length of time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: No.

PARTIALITY FOR THE MADRAS ENGLISH DAILIES—COMPLAINT OF THE MALAYALAM PRESS

365. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state,—

(a) whether there has been complaint made through the Malayalam Press that for certain functions on the Willingdon Island, Thevara High School, Ernakulam and the organizers, Teachers' Conferences recently held at Ernakulam were showing partiality for the Madras English Dailies and they were neglecting Malayalam newspapers;

(b) if so, will Government be pleased to take the necessary steps to see that the Malayalam Press is given its proper place in all public functions in which the Government can raise an effective voice?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (a) Yes. The statement does not seem to be correct.

(b) No special steps are called for in view of answer to (a).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether the representatives of the local Malayalam Press were invited for the ceremony of launching the "Minesweeper" at Vypeen?

Mr. President: That had nothing to do with the State Government. It was a matter concerned with the Naval authorities.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Was not a member of our Ruling Family invited to perform that function?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know what was the complaint raised through the Malayalam Press. The answer given is "Yes". What was the complaint? We know nothing about it.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Probably, that the Press was not represented at certain functions.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Then that statement is correct.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: The statement that Government have neglected them is not correct.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Anyhow the fact is that they have not been invited.

Mr. President: It was the Naval authorities who issued the invitations.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Was it a Government function after all?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: That was explained by the Hon'ble President.

Mr. President: I may also mention that the function took place in British India.

FOOD PRODUCTION OFFICER—APPOINTMENT OF

366. Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Will Government be pleased to state,—

(a) whether the appointment of the Food Production Officer was made with the concurrence of the Hon'ble Minister;

(b) will Government be pleased to state whether the Hon'ble Minister has pressed for placing the Officer and his work under the supervision of the Hon'ble Minister?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: (a) Yes.

(b) No.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: With reference to answer (b) the answer "no" is not quite correct. It is rather technical to say "no". The more appropriate answer would be "there was no difference of opinion at all between the Minister and the Government so far as supervision of the work of the Food Production Commissioner and his staff is concerned. So far as the transferred half work is concerned it is completely under the Minister." Therefore, that answer is not quite correct.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)*: Then, am I to take it that the answer is wrong.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : It is not quite correct.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Then is it wrong ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : It is wrong.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Are Government aware that the Hon'ble Minister has stated on the floor of this House that he has pressed them hard.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : I did not make that statement.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : May I ask the Government as to whether the Hon'ble Minister made any statement to the effect that he asked for the inclusion of the Food Production Officer under his department ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : That was not the statement that I made. You put a question to me whether the Minister asked for increasing his authority or rather having his authority over the Food Production Commissioner. Then I explained the position that the work of the Food Production Commissioner was mainly assigning of lands which came properly under the Revenue Department and as the Revenue Department does not come under the transferred half, the Diwan told me that he could not legitimately transfer that to the Minister. That was the statement that I made.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Did the Hon'ble Minister state in answer to my question as to whether he asked for getting control over the Food Production Officer that he made an effort ?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur)* : Was not the Hon'ble Member for Planters present in the House when that statement was made ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : You are taxing my recollection.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Your recollection is not so poor as that. This is only a recent occurrence. The Hon'ble Minister in answer to a question put to him whether he pressed for getting control over the Food Production Officer stated that he made every effort. That is where the recollection fails. Now, I put the definite question whether as the representative of the non-official section in this House the Hon'ble Minister will try to get control over the Production Officer.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : As far as possible, I would.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : Practically speaking he has control.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Even now I have control as far as work in transferred departments is concerned. Regarding the revenue work, that is, assigning of lands, I have to tell you that I have no control because it is not a transferred subject.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Are Government aware that the Hon'ble Joint Secretary made a statement that the Minister is an adviser to the Food Production Officer ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : That he is even now.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : May I now ask whether the Hon'ble Minister is aware that the suitability of the land chosen for the purpose of cultivation is the most important thing in the mattter.

കൊടുക്കുന്ന ഭൂമി കൃഷിക്കു പറ്റുന്നതാണൊ അല്ലയൊ എന്നുള്ള സംഗതി അറിയേണ്ടതും തീരുമാനിക്കേണ്ടതുമല്ലെ ഫുഡ്പ്രൊഡക്ഷൻ ആഫീസരുടെ ചുമതല ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ഫുഡ്പ്രൊഡക്ഷൻ ആഫീസരുടെ ജോലി അതല്ല. വില്ലേജ് കമ്മിറ്റിക്കാർ ശുപാർശ ചെയ്യുന്ന ആളുകൾക്കു ഭൂമി പാട്ടത്തിനു കൊടുത്തു പാട്ടച്ചീട്ടെഴുതി വാങ്ങിക്കുകയും പണം ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നവർക്കു കമ്മിറ്റിയുടെ ശുപാർശ അനുസരിച്ചു കടം കൊടുക്കുകയുമാണു.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ജെ. മത്തായി: ആവക ഭൂമികളും വൃത്തിയാണൊ കൃഷിക്കു എന്നു നോക്കി ചെയ്യാഞ്ഞാൽ കൃഷി നന്നാകുമോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ: ഓരോ ഭൂമികളും ഓരോ കൃഷിക്കു പറ്റിയതായിരിക്കും.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : The cultivation can succeed only if the land is quite suitable for the cultivation. Therefore is it not a matter for the Agriculture Department more than the Food Production Officer ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : After the assignment of the lands the whole thing comes under the transferred Department.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : As a non-official member I ask you whether you made an effort at least to get that section of work.

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Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : It is under me even now. The moment it is assigned the whole thing comes under the Agricultural Department which is under the Minister.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : Has the Hon'ble Minister any control whatsoever on the Food Production Officer ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)* : Sir, in view of the answer that the main work of the Food Production Officer consists in assignment of land, will the Government be pleased to change the name " Food Production Officer " ? The officer is appointed to assign lands and if the name is changed all this confusion can be remedied.

Mr. President : We are just considering the change of the name.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : On a point of personal explanation. I am not one with Mr. Warriar asking for a change of the name.

Mr. President : This is question time.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters)* : If the President will kindly allow, I do not join with him to change the name. I am not dissatisfied with the present arrangement. But the Hon'ble Minister was championing the cause of the non-officials and saying that he was asking for more and more powers.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : May I know, Sir, whether the Hon'ble Member for Planters wants to get all the soil analysed in every survey number to see whether it is suitable for cultivation ?

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural)* : May I know whether Government insist on cultivating special kinds of foodstuffs in the land that they assign to people ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : There is some arrangement like that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : May I know, Sir, whether the Revenue Department assigns these lands or the Food Production Officer ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : The Food Production Commissioner is given revenue powers and he does it.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : May I know whether the two departments are working jointly ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Completely jointly.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: If the Food Production Commissioner is in complete charge, to a question put, it was stated that he had plenary powers and that he was consulting the Minister, the Diwan Peishkar and other people in necessary cases.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)*: That word "consult" I admit is not happy.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Was it not because the normal work of the department will not be able to cope with the assignment of these that a special officer was appointed ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Yes. It was at my special request.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)* : Who is the authority who checks and supervises the work of the Food Production Commissioner ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government)* : So far as the formal leasing is concerned it is the Diwan. In other respects it is the Diwan and the Minister together.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri)* : So, one half of the work of the Food Production Officer is under the Minister and the other half is under the Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* : Are not officials under the transferred half under Government ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : Yes.

NUMBER OF COURT SALES HELD IN ALL THE COURTS IN THE STATE IN THE YEARS 1115, 1116, AND TILL THE END OF DHANU, 1117

367. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) (*i*) the number of court sales held in all the Courts in the State in the years 1115, 1116 and in 1117 till the end of Dhanu this year ; (*ii*) the number confirmed during each of the period referred to above ;

(*b*) (*i*) the total amount involved in these sales for the periods referred to in (*a*) (*i*) and (*ii*) ; (*ii*) the total amounts for which these properties were bid showing separately the amounts for each of these periods.

(Properties include movables and immovables. Please show separate figures).

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